

## GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

## Policy

All officers commissioned within this Department are required to put forth a professional wildlife law enforcement effort. This requires a thorough knowledge and understanding of Chapter 17 of New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 and all associated State Game Commission regulations. Implicit in this requirement is the training that is provided by the Department to qualify commissioned officers for law enforcement duty. By utilizing the Department of Public Safety's Training and Recruiting Division, the Department's own Law Enforcement personnel, and instructors available from other agencies, the Department will provide quality training for all commissioned officers in accordance with the training standards set forth in §29-7-7.1 NMSA. Officers are expected to master all law enforcement techniques presented as part of their training. Failure to do so may result in retraining or decommissioning and reassignment to duties other than law enforcement.

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Training and a working knowledge of the laws and regulations must combine with good judgement and dedication to deliver a professional law enforcement effort.

In modern wildlife law enforcement there is no place for unpreparedness. Sloppiness in the form of dress, procedure, reports, etc., will not be tolerated.

Citizens' rights granted by the U. S. Constitution must not be violated. The law will be enforced uniformly and without fear or favor.

All commissioned officers are expected to follow this policy and the policies that follow. In cases not specifically addressed herein, officers are expected to use good judgement and act as "reasonable and prudent" individuals.